

JUNE 21

“HE’S A GOD OF LOVE ... BUT HE STILL HATES SIN.”

READ

Colossians 3:1-15

When will we get to the place that we’re tired of empty words that mean nothing? We prefer words that make us feel good for about twenty minutes, rather than the deep Word of God that does surgery on our soul, that cleanses us and makes us long for Jesus more than we ever have before. When will people realize that they can’t go on living in sin? They honestly think that God is ignoring it. They think, “I’ll get it together soon. The Lord understands.” No, He doesn’t understand. Paul asked the question, “How can we who are dead to sin live any longer in it?” It was a baffling thing to Paul to see people who were raised with Christ living the same life they were living, with no difference between them and the world. When will people realize they can’t keep living in sin without the judgment of God coming upon them? He’s a God of love and grace and mercy that is renewed every morning, but He still hates sin. God punishes sin. He means business with people who know better than to sin. God is long-suffering, and that long-suffering should lead to repentance.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for Your patience. I know that You mean business with me about the sin in my life. Show me my heart and convict me with Your Holy Spirit.

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